

# At a Glance

Caltech

Founded as Throop University in 1891 in Pasadena, California, and renamed the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 1920.

## RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

### Academic Divisions

- Biology & Biological Engineering
- Chemistry & Chemical Engineering
- Engineering & Applied Science
- Geological & Planetary Sciences
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Physics, Mathematics & Astronomy

26 academic options (programs)

## FACULTY

323 professorial faculty  
558 postdoctoral scholars



3:1 student-faculty ratio

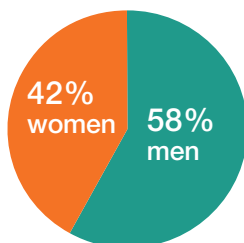
## HONORS



Nobel Laureates	48
National Medal of Science recipients	66
National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipients	14
Memberships in the National Academies	120

## STUDENTS

1,023 undergraduate students  
1,440 graduate students



Class of  
2027

- 13,136 applicants
- 267 members of first-year class

### Top-Caliber Undergraduates

99%

placed in top tenth  
of high-school  
graduating class

The mission of the **California Institute of Technology** is to **expand human knowledge** and **benefit society** through research integrated with education. We investigate the most challenging, fundamental problems in **science and technology** in a singularly collegial, **interdisciplinary** atmosphere, while educating **outstanding students** to become creative members of society.

AFFORDING CALTECH

(Fall 2024) Students receiving need-based assistance	51%
(Fall 2024) Average Need-Based Scholarship or Grant Award	\$71,378
Average indebtedness for students graduating with loans (Class of 2024):	\$16,168
Graduating seniors with student loans (Class of 2024):	24%

LIVING ALUMNI

Over 25,000 in the U.S. and around the world

GLOBAL FACILITIES

Jet Propulsion Laboratory

- Founded by Caltech in the 1930s and managed for NASA since 1958
- Current missions include InSight, Mars Science Laboratory, Juno, Jason 3, and NuSTAR
- More than 100 research and mission collaborations with Caltech faculty

Caltech Seismological Laboratory

- Internationally recognized for excellence in geophysical research
- Provides research centers for seismic studies, high-performance computing, and mineral physics
- Preeminent source for earthquake information in Southern California and around the world

International Observatory Network

- W. M. Keck Observatory, Hawaii
- Palomar Observatory, California
- Owens Valley Radio Observatory, California
- Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO), Washington and Louisiana
- Chajnantor Observatory, Chile

EMPLOYEES

Caltech	2,500
JPL	6,000

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